



**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

**Proposed amendments to the
Maine Rules of Civil Procedure to establish procedures
for Title 19-A petitions to terminate parental rights and
for review of placements of children in qualified
residential treatment programs**

Comments must be filed by Thursday, September 23, 2021

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court invites comments on proposed amendments to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure to establish procedures for petitions to terminate parental rights filed pursuant to 19-A M.R.S. § 1658, *see* P.L. 2021, ch. 340, § 2 (effective Oct. 18, 2021) and for review, pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4038(8)-(10), *see* P.L. 2021, ch. 210 (effective Oct. 18, 2021), of a child's placement in a qualified residential treatment program when the child is in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services. The proposed amendments are available on the Court's website at

www.courts.maine.gov/rules/civil

Any comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court by **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 23, 2021**. Comments may be in writing, mailed to the address below, or in an email sent to lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov. If the comments are in an attachment to the email, the attachment must be a document in native (text-based and not scanned) portable document format (.pdf).

The Clerk's Office will acknowledge receipt of the email via reply email.

All comments must contain (1) the name and mailing address of the individual submitting the comments, and (2) the name, mailing address, and primary telephone number of the organization (if any) on whose behalf the comments are submitted. An individual need not be an attorney to submit comments individually or on behalf of an organization.

Comments are public documents and may be posted on the Court's website.

Dated: September 9, 2021

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